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THE DRAFT OF A CHARTER, FOR THE *INCORPORATION* OF The TOWN of HALIFAX, IN *The Province of Nova-Scotia.*

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INTRODUCTION.

THE following plan for regulating the municipal affairs of this Town, has been drawn up in the form of a Charter, as the cleareſt and beſt method to expreſs the extent of the propoſed improvements. The objects have been pointed out by a thorough inveſtigation into the various modes of conducting the public buſineſs; which was entered into in conſequence of a preſentment made by the Grand Jury to the Court of Quarter Seſſions in the December Term of 1812. The Court having appointed ſix different inveſtigating committees of the Magiſtrates to meet the various objects contemplated by the Grand Jury, their ſeveral reports combined, clearly prove the neceſſity of ſome reform; but as it would now become an invidious as well as a uſeleſs task, to point out the *prevailing errors* of the preſent practice, which are but too evident to admit of a doubt, the gentlemen who have undertaken the task of ſketching out the *means of improvement*, have left it to the Public to compare the one with the other.

IT will be perceived by a peruſal of the following ſheets, that the Charter has but two leading objects;—to eſtabliſh regularity in Buſineſs; —and to define and extend the powers of the Magiſtrates and Grand Jury (acting as a Common Council) to the ſame limits as (and not a ſtep beyond) the powers granted to all Corporations, within the King's Dominions.

THE only novelty introduced, is that of preſerving a gradual change of the ruling Members of the Corporation, without incurring the unpleaſant duty of the electing ſyſtem. This is done by the appointment of ten Magiſtrates to act as Truſtees,—two of whom will go out and two others come in annually—and—the appointment of the Grand Jury of the exſting year, (or if it is preferred that of the laſt year, or a draft from the whole liſt until it is gone through,) to act as a Common Council.

BY theſe means the whole of the leading members of the community (likely to take an active part in the affairs of the Town) will, in turn, partake of the duties of a reſpectable office; and become intimate, and thereby, feel intereſted in its affairs,—The various articles of conſumption and of commerce will be better inſpected than they are at preſent;—the revenues will be regularly attended to, and every deſirable improvement in poſſeſſion of other ſimilar communities in His Majeſty's Dominions will, in time, no doubt, be adopted.

THE proviſions of the Charter have been ſelected and drawn up with the utmoſt care to avoid objections, by an attentive reference to the London, Philadelphia, New-York and New-Brunſwick Charters, and the Eaſt-Company's By-Laws;—and the whole is arranged and worded agreeably to the moſt approved forms, in order to obviate any difficulties on the part of Government, or from local partialities.

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In debating the merits of the following pages—these three queries will naturally occur to and guide every reflecting mind:

1st. Whether the present management requires any improvement?

2d. If so—is this an effectual plan?

3d. If not—what is better?

* N. B. When the terms of the Charter are agreed on, and assented to by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, it is proposed to apply to His Excellency to grant it for a term of three or five years by way of trial; during which period, such amendments may be made to it as experience shall point out to be necessary;—after which, if it proves acceptable to the Inhabitants, application may be made to renew it for another term of a few years, for the purpose of improving it still further, as its deficiencies may appear: then the Charter may be made perpetual, if the Inhabitants approve of it. It will be necessary to have an Act of the General Assembly, to confirm the Charter when first granted, and on every renewal of it.

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GEORGE the THIRD, by the grace of GOD, of the United Kingdoms of Great-Britain and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c.

To all to whom these present letters shall come, GREETING:

PREAMBLE—I.

WHEREAS, our Town of HALIFAX, in our Province of Nova-Scotia, in North-America, is become extensive and populous, and it would greatly contribute to the comfort, safety and good order of the same, if the jurisdiction thereof were limited to certain boundaries: if a more regulated police were established than now exists: if the revenues were vested in one certain trust: if other municipal regulations were adopted; and those now existing were more accurately defined and orderly executed:—

BOUNDARIES.—No. II.

KNOW ye, therefore, that we, of our special grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, for us, our heirs, and successors, do give, grant, order and appoint, that in all times to come, the compass, precincts, circuit, bounds, liberties and jurisdiction, of the said Town of Halifax, shall and may reach, extend, and stretch forth, to the full extent of the piece and parcel of land commonly known by the name of the Peninsula of Halifax, that is to say, That the

the ſame ſhall be ſeparated from the main land of the reſt of our ſaid Province of Nova-Scotia, by a line drawn from and commencing at the ſhore of Bedford Baſon, below the bridge at the main road near M'Alpine's tavern, and thence running in a ſtraight line to the bridge at the head of the North-Weſt-Arm, thence along the ſhores of the ſaid North-Weſt-Arm, the Harbour of Halifax, the Narrows and Bedford Baſon, to the place of beginning—ſo as to incloſe the whole circuit of the ſaid Peninſula, and extending and reaching to the water's mark, in, by, and through, all parts of the ſhores of the ſaid Peninſula.—And we do by theſe Preſents, give and grant the ſame unto the inhabitants of our ſaid Town of Halifax, forever.

INCORPORATED.—III.

And we, for us, our heirs, and ſucceſſors, do, will, ordain, conſtitute and appoint, that in all times to come, forever, the inhabitants within the ſaid Peninſula, ſhall be, and they are hereby conſtituted into one Body corporate and politick, by the name of the *Truſtee Magiſtrates and Grand Jury of the Town of Halifax*; by which name they ſhall have perpetual ſucceſſion; and that they be, and forever ſhall be, hereafter capable, in Law, to plead and be impleaded, anſwer and be anſwered unto, defend and be defended, in all and any of our Courts and other places whatſoever, in all manner of actions, ſuits, complaints, demands, pleas, cauſes and matters, whatſoever, of what nature, kind or quality ſoever, in the ſame and in like manner and form as other people of the ſaid Province, being perſons able and in Law capable may plead and be impleaded, anſwer and be anſwered unto, defend and be defended, by any lawful ways and means whatſoever.

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SEAL.—IV.

And the ſaid Truſtee Magiſtrates and Grand Jury of the town of Halifax, and their ſucceſſors in office, ſhall and may for ever hereafter have one common ſeal, to ſerve for the ſealing of all and ſingular their affairs and buſineſſes, touching and concerning the ſaid Corporation. And it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Truſtee Magiſtrates and Grand Jury, and their ſucceſſors in office, as they ſhall ſee cauſe, to break, alter, change, and new make, their ſaid common ſeal, when and as often as to them it ſhall ſeem convenient.

TRUSTEES NAMED.—V.

And we do hereby for us, and on behalf of our heirs and ſucceſſors, aſſign, name, ordain, and conſtitute

being Magiſtrates of our ſaid County of Halifax, in our ſaid Province of Nova-Scotia, and reſident within the Peninſula aforeſaid, to be the Truſtee Magiſtrates of our ſaid Incorporated Town of Halifax; and that the ſaid

ſhall remain and continue in office, until other fit perſons ſhall be appointed, as is herein after directed, in their room.

GRAND JURORS NAMED.—VI.

And we do hereby name, ordain, and conſtitute,

being Grand Jurors of our ſaid County of Halifax for the preſent

preſent year, (reſident within the Town or Peninſula of Halifax) to be the Grand Jurors hereby meant and intended by us, as the incorporated Grand Jurors aforeſaid, and to continue in office until other fit perſons ſhall be appointed, as is herein after directed, and appointed in their room.

COMMON COUNCIL.—VII.

And further we do ordain and conſtitute, that thoſe perſons who ſhall annually be ſworn to ſerve as Grand Jurors for the exiſting year, being reſident in the ſaid Town or Peninſula of Halifax, ſhall be the Common Council for the ſaid town of Halifax. They ſhall likewiſe chooſe their own Foreman for the purpoſes herein ſet forth; and they ſhall have, poſſeſs, and hold all the rights, powers and privileges granted or intended to be granted to the ſaid Grand Jurors, acting as Common Council-Men by theſe preſents.

OTHER OFFICERS.—VIII.

And further, we do ordain and conſtitute
to be the Chairman, and to
be the Deputy Chairman of the ſaid Truſtee Magiſtrates; and that before entering into the duties of their offices, they ſhall take a ſolemn oath before our Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief of our ſaid Province, well and faithfully to execute the offices reſpectively of Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Truſtee Magiſtrates of the ſaid Town of Halifax. And we do appoint and ordain to be
the Recorder of our ſaid Town of Halifax;
to be the Chamberlain thereof;
to be the Town Clerk thereof; and
to be the Sheriff thereof.—And
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the ſaid Truſtee Magiſtrates, Grand Jurors, acting as Common Council-Men, Recorder, Chamberlain, Town Clerk and Sheriff, ſhall ſeverally before entering on their reſpective offices, take a ſolemn oath before the ſaid Chairman or Deputy Chairman, well and faithfully to execute their reſpective offices of Truſtee Magiſtrates, Grand Jurors, Recorder, Chamberlain, Town Clerk and Sheriff of the ſaid Town of Halifax; and thereupon they ſhall ſeverally be qualified to ſerve their reſpective offices until the laſt Tueſday of January next.

THE TRUST PERPETUATED.—IX.

And we do for us, our heirs and ſucceſſors, appoint and ordain, that on the laſt Tueſday of the month of January next enſuing the date hereof, the ſaid Truſtee Magiſtrates ſhall aſſemble together with the Clerk of the Peace for the ſaid County of Halifax; and the names of the ſaid Ten Magiſtrates, ſhall be written each ſeparately on a different piece of paper, which papers ſhall be of equal ſize, and ſhall be rolled up all alike, and be put into a box; and the Clerk of the Peace ſhall draw out all the ſaid papers indifferently one after the other, and ſhall ſet down in a book to be provided for that purpoſe, the name of each Truſtee, one under the other, as they ſhall be ſeverally drawn out of the ſaid box: and the ſame ſhall commence and form a perpetual rotation liſt, whereby the ſaid Magiſtrates ſhall ſucceſſively go out of office as herein after mentioned, that is to ſay, on the laſt Tueſday of January in the then ſucceeding year, the two Truſtee Magiſtrates, whoſe names ſhall have been firſt drawn as aforeſaid, ſhall go out of office, and their names ſhall be croſſed out of the liſt in the ſaid book; and two other of the Magiſtrates in our Commiſſion

miſſion of the Peace for the County of Halifax, reſiding within the ſaid Peninſula of Halifax, and willing to accept the ſaid office of Truſtee Magiſtrates, ſhall replace thoſe who go out of office, and their names ſhall be placed at the bottom of the ſaid liſt.—And in like manner annually on the laſt Tueſday of January, the two Truſtee Magiſtrates whoſe names ſhall ſtand at the head of the ſaid liſt, ſhall go out of office, and their names be croſſed out of the ſaid liſt, and two other Magiſtrates, qualified as aforeſaid, ſhall enter upon the ſaid Truſt, and their names be placed at the foot of the liſt; and in caſe of any vacancy by death, removal or otherwiſe, before the end of any year, ſuch vacancy ſhall be filled up in like manner out of the Magiſtrates aforeſaid; and the name of the perſon cauſing the vacancy being erafed from the ſaid liſt, that of the Magiſtrate ſupplying ſuch vacancy ſhall be inſerted at the end of the liſt—And in ſupplying the annual or occaſional vacancy aforeſaid, the Magiſtrates in our Commiſſion of the Peace for the County of Halifax, qualified as aforeſaid, and not having ſerved in the ſaid Truſt, ſhall be called on in the order they ſtand in the ſaid Commiſſion, until all who are willing ſhall have ſerved in the ſaid truſt, then thoſe who have been longeſt out of office, ſhall be ſeverally called on firſt to fill up annual or occaſional vacancies. And we do further ordain and appoint, that on the ſaid laſt Tueſday of January next, and on every laſt Tueſday of January thereafter, and alſo in caſe of occaſional vacancies, the Truſtee Magiſtrates ſhall elect and chooſe one of their own number to be Chairman, and another to be Deputy Chairman, and preſent them to our Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief, to be ſworn into office as aforeſaid.—And in like manner on the ſaid laſt

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Tuesday of January annually, and on all occasions of vacancy, the Trustee Magistrates for the time being shall nominate and appoint the Town Clerk, Recorder and Chamberlain. *Provided nevertheless*, that the said three offices shall never be filled by the same person; nor the office of Recorder be filled by any person who is not a Barrister of our Supreme Court for our said Province, and actually resident in our said Town of Halifax; and *provided* that the said Chamberlain shall before entering upon the said office give good and sufficient security to, and to the satisfaction of, the said Trustee Magistrates, for the faithful discharge of the trust reposed in him. And we do appoint and ordain, that the Sheriff of our said County of Halifax for the time being, shall be the Sheriff of our said Town of Halifax forever.

A QUORUM—HOW MANY.—X.

And we do hereby further order and ordain, that all questions, which shall arise touching the subject matter of the trust, before the said Trustee Magistrates in Council, or before the said Grand Jurors in Common Council, assembled and appointed by these presents, shall be determined by the votes of a majority of Members present, the Chairman or Deputy Chairman, or Foreman respectively giving the casting vote in each of the several Assemblies; and all votes so given, and which may by these presents or otherwise by Law be binding, shall be of full force and effect; provided, however, that no vote shall be valid or of any effect in the Council of Trustee Magistrates, unless a quorum of seven Members of the Trustee Magistrates be actually present at the time of giving their votes; or shall be valid or of any effect in the

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Common Council of Grand Jurors, unleſs fifteen of the ſaid Grand Jurors be actually preſent; and unleſs the proceedings of either Council be entered in a book to be kept for that ſole purpoſe.

RECEIPT OF MONIES.—XI.

And we, for us, our heirs and ſucceſſors, do ordain, order, direct and appoint, that the ſaid ten Truſtee Magiſtrates, acting in the behalf of our ſaid Town of Halifax, ſhall and may have the ſole power to receive all monies, which ſhall or may be due or owing to the ſaid Town of Halifax, or from or by any person or persons whomsoever, or from, by, or through, or in consequence of, any lands, tenements, waters, water-courſes, docks, ſlips, rents, or other property whatſoever; or from, by, through or in conſequence of any rates, licenſes, ferries, markets, wharves, fines, taxes, dues or duties, or other claims or profits whatſoever, or which-way-ſoever ariſing to the ſaid Town of Halifax; and the ſame to lay out, pay, expend and diſpoſe of agreeably to law, in caſes where the ſame is or are thereby ordered and directed; and in caſes where the ſame is not ſo ordered and directed by Law, then to be placed into one Common Fund, to be by them the ſaid Truſtee Magiſtrates laid out and paid, for the purpoſes for which they the ſaid Truſtee Magiſtrates ſhall appoint and direct.

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS.—XII.

And we for us, our heirs and ſucceſſors, order and direct, that the ſaid Grand Jurors ſhall at the ſaid meetings to be held in the month or January in every year, audit the accounts of all monies received and paid by the Chamberlain and other Accountants under the truſt aforeſaid, during

ing the preceding year; who are hereby ordered and directed to submit a fair debtor and creditor account of the same, together with the proper vouchers to the consideration of the said Grand Jurors on the said last Tuesday in January, who having examined the same shall make a report thereof to the Trustee Magistrates; in which report they shall acquit the said accountants or require further proofs and elucidations of their said accounts and doings; and the said acquittal shall be to all intents and purposes a complete quietus and discharge of all accounts so by the said Grand Jury acquitted; and in testimony thereof the foreman of the said Grand Jury shall sign the same in common Council, with the consent of a majority of members of the same, then present.

TRUSTEES TO HOLD LANDS, &c.—XIII.

And further we for us, our heirs, and successors, give, grant, ratify and confirm to the said Trustee Magistrates, of our town of Halifax, and to their successors in office, forever, full, special and free liberty, license, power and authority, to take, receive, have, hold and enjoy, to them and their successors forever in fee simple, any messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments, rents and other possessions, and real estate, within and without the said town and peninsula of Halifax, as well of and from us, our heirs, and successors, as of and from all and every other person and persons whomsoever; so as the messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments, rents and other possessions, and real estate, which the said Trustee Magistrates shall and may have in their possession and seisin, at any one time, exceed not in the whole the clear yearly rent or value of .....pounds per annum, lawful money of our said Province,

beyond and above all charges and reprizes, without any hindrance of us, our heirs or ſucceſſors, or the Juſtices, Eſcheators, Sheriffs, Coroners, Bailiffs, or others, the Miniſters of us, our heirs or ſucceſſors; and this without any other letters patent, liberty, licenſe or power from us, our heirs, or ſucceſſors, the Statutes of Mortmain or any other Act, Law or Statute, or any other cauſe thing or matter whatſoever, to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding; and the ſame meſſuages, lands tenements, hereditaments, rents and other poſſeſſions, or any part thereof, to demiſe, grant, leaſe, and let over aſſign, and diſpoſe at their own will and pleaſure; and to make, ſeal and accompliſh, any deed or deeds, leaſe or leaſes, evidences or writings, for or concerning the ſame or any part thereof.

BYE LAWS.—XIV.

And we do hereby for us, our heirs and ſucceſſors, grant appoint and ordain, that the ſaid Truſtee Magiſtrates in Council aſſembled in one Chamber, and the ſaid Grand Jurors in one other Chamber, once in every year, that is to ſay, beginning on the laſt Tueſday in January, and thence not exceeding two ſucceſſive days in any one Seſſion, ſhall have full power and authority to make, ordain, conſtitute and eſtabliſh, ſuch and ſo many laws, ordinances, regulations and conſtitutions, (provided the ſame ſhall not be repugnant to the Laws and Conſtitution of our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or of this our Province of Nova Scotia) as ſhall be neceſſary or convenient for the good government and welfare of our ſaid Town of Halifax; and the ſame to enforce, put in uſe and execution, by the proper Officers; and at their pleaſure

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same to revoke, alter, and make anew, as occasion may require. *Provided nevertheless*, that no law, ordinance, regulation or constitution so made, ordained, or constituted, shall be of any effect or force, until ratified by our Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief of our said Province for the time being, under his hand and seal, and until the same be recorded in the office of the Chamberlain of the said Town, and published in one or more of the newspapers of the said Town of Halifax.

COMMON COUNCIL—HOW ASSEMBLED—XV.

And we do further grant and ordain, that it shall and may be lawful for the Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the said Trust for the time being, by and with the consent of six or more of the Trustee Magistrates, to summon a special Common Council as often there shall be occasion; for the purpose of deliberating on and recommending special matters; which shall be noticed in the notices if required accordingly; *provided*, that no assembly or meeting shall be deemed a special Common Council, unless the Chairman or the Deputy Chairman, and at least six other Trustee Magistrates, and thirteen of the Grand Jurors be present.

COURT OF SESSIONS.—XVI.

And we do hereby for us, our heirs, and successors, appoint and ordain, that the said Chairman and Trustee Magistrates, together with the Recorder of our said Town, (the Chairman, or in his absence, the senior Magistrate then present presiding) shall four times in every year, that is to say, on the second Tuesdays of February, May, August, and November, and during four days then immediately

immediately ſucceeding, hold a Court of Seſſions, to be called the *Truſtee Court*; and ſhall have cognizance thereof of all matters ariſing within the ſaid town and peninſula of Halifax, which can or may be decided or determined by law at the Quarter Seſſions of the Peace, without the intervention of a Jury; and ſhall ſuperintend and enforce within the ſaid town and peninſula, the execution of all and ſingular the laws of this our Province, as well touching and concering the Trade, Commerce and Manufactures of the Province, as alſo touching and concerning perſons of every deſcription, appointed for regulating meaſuring, culling, ſurveying and inſpecting all articles relating thereto; and all Town Officers, Truckmen, Butchers, Chimney Sweepers, Servants, Labourers, and others within the juriſdiction of the Juſtices in Seſſions; and all matters whatever in any wiſe relating to the Poor and Poor Rates, Tavernkeepers, Foreſtallers, Markets, Pounds, Repair of Streets; and generally all matters touching the order, regulation and police of our ſaid town and peninſula of Halifax, and within the ſame.—And if in any matter which ſhall come to be heard before the ſaid Truſtee Magiſtrates in ſuch Court or Seſſions, any party thereto ſhall deſire and requeſt that the ſame may be ſubmitted to a Jury, and the caſe ſhall be of of a nature to admit of it, the Truſtee Magiſtrates ſhall adjourn ſuch caſe over to the next Quarter Seſsions of the Peace to be held for the County of Halifax, and notify ſuch party thereof, and the ſaid caſe ſhall be then tried and determined accordingly; and the ſaid Court ſhall have power to enquire of, hear, try and determine, all offences which ſhall be committed within the ſaid Town and Peninſula againſt any of the laws, ordinances, regulations, or

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onſtitutions, that ſhall be made, ordained or eſtabliſhed, in purſuance of this our Charter, and to puniſh the offenders and offenders, as, by the ſaid laws, ordinances, regulations or conſtitutions, ſhall be preſcribed or directed; and alſo to impoſe fines on Jurymen and others according to Law, and to levy the ſame, and to award proceſs, take recognizances for keeping the peace, for being of good behaviour, and for appearances or otherwiſe, or commit to priſon as occaſion ſhall lawfully require, without being accountable to us, our heirs and ſucceſſors, for any fines or amercements to be impoſed for the ſaid offences, or any of them, except ſuch as are or ſhall be by Law made payable into the Treaſury of this our Province for offences againſt our Crown and Dignity; and generally to do all ſuch matters and things within our ſaid Town of Halifax, as any Court of General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace, Oyer and Terminer and Goal Delivery of and for any County within this our Province, may or can do within any ſuch County.

LAWS WHICH CONCERN THE POOR AND THE HIGHWAYS.—XVII.

And further we for us, our heirs and ſucceſſors, do hereby grant, order, and direct, that from and after the date hereof, the ſaid Truſtee Magiſtrates ſhall have full power and authority of themſelves, to execute, or by any delegated truſt from them to any other perſon or number of other perſons, to cauſe to be executed the laws of our ſaid Province now in force for directing the managing of and the concerns of the Poor of the ſaid Town—And alſo the laws of our ſaid Province now in force, which have been enacted from time to time for the purpoſe of making, mending, repairing and improving the Highways and

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Streets of the said town and peninsula of Halifax, in as full and ample manner to all intents and purposes, as the present Commissioners of the Poor, and the present Commissioners of Highways and Streets of Halifax by law now have

ROTATION LAW.—XVIII.

And we do hereby further order and direct, that the Magistrates within our Commission of the Peace for the County of Halifax, resident in our said Town of Halifax, and not actually Members of the Council of Trustee Magistrates for our said Town, shall and may, with or without the aid of the said Trustee Magistrates, as the said Magistrates, in and out of the said trust, from time to time, by a majority of them assembled in Special Session may agree, put in execution and administer the Act of of our General Assembly, passed in the thirty-second year of our reign, usually termed the *Rotation Law*, and all other laws in amendment thereof, without any aid, co operation, assistance or rotation of or from the other Magistrates within our commission of the Peace, acting for the time being, in the office of Trustee Magistrates, and likewise that the said Magistrates, not actually in the said Trust, may be on the Grand Jury for all the purposes of this our Charter.

CHARTER TO BE FAVORABLY CONSTRUED.—XIX.

And we do for us, our heirs, and successors, order and direct that this our Charter shall in all Courts of Law and Equity, and elsewhere, be construed and taken most favorably for the Inhabitants of our said town of Halifax;—and that the same shall be in force during year from the date hereof, and that it be then renewed, alter

d, amended, or reſcinded at our pleaſure, or the will and leaſurs of our heirs and ſucceſſors.

IF RESCINDED, THE LANDS, &c. TO BE RE-IN-VESTED.—XX.

And laſtly, in caſe theſe preſents ſhould at any time be-me reſcinded and revoked, and the truſt hereby veſted d and determine, the ſaid eſtate, eſtates, rights, privi-ges, and intereſts ſhall thence forward be veſted in ſuch erſon or perſons, willing to accept the ſame as ſhall be amed and appointed by us, our Governor, Lieutenant-overnor, or Commander in Chief of our ſaid Province r the time being, for the uſe, benefit and intereſt of the habitants of our ſaid Town of Halifax.

IT is proposed that a General Meeting ſhould take place on uesday the 8th of February next, for the purpoſe of conſidering e above Plan, and to determine on the proper mode of pre-ding, of which Meeting, timely notice will be given in the wſpapers.

Halifax, January, 1814.